

REMARKS AND RESPONSE

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-6, 8, 14-16, 18-24, 34-38, 40-48, 58-62, and 64-67 have not been amended and no new claims have been added. Thus, claims 1-6, 8, 14-16, 18-24, 34-38, 40-48, 58-62, and 64-67 are currently pending in the case.

B. Rejection of Claims Under Nonstatutory Obvious-Type Double Patenting

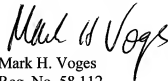
The Office Action rejects claims 1-6, 8, 14-16, 18-24, 34-38, 40-48, 58-62, and 64-67 on the ground of nonstatutory obvious-type double patenting over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,645,998. This rejection is moot in light of the terminal disclaimer filed concurrently with this Response; therefore, this rejection should be withdrawn.

C. Conclusion

This is submitted to be a complete response to the referenced Office Action. In conclusion, Applicants submit that, in light of the foregoing remarks, the present case is in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (512) 536-3116 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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